

## Potosi Journal

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POTOSI, MISSOURI

Life is getting to be just one hot spell after another.

One way to endure the heat is to think of pleasant things.

A good rule to apply is, the hotter the weather the simpler the life.

That day on which a new aviation hero does not materialize need not be counted.

Until we have an official national flower perhaps the Mayflower will have to do.

With a microbe in every kiss how many narrow escapes do you suppose you have had?

Was it not lucky that the dear women got rid of their rats before the hot wave came along?

Some people do not believe in vacations. They needn't go to the school-boy for sympathy.

With the wider use of bubbly fountains nearly every child will learn to drink like a horse.

A boy does not regard it as a hardship to have to take swimming lessons during his vacation.

No objection can be raised to the cootless man unless he sheds his good manners with his coat.

They are breaking the bathing records in Boston. Hot weather will drive people to anything.

The fool that rocks the boat is with us in summertime, but the fool that speeds his auto is with us always.

All society is now divided into two parts—those who have and those who have not been up in an aeroplane.

One of the troubles about fly swatting is that where one fly is swatted two more appear to plague the swatter.

A newspaper devotes a page of type and pictures to showing how to manage a canoe. There is only one way. Walk.

A Philadelphia man has just sold his automobile to get money to buy a home. Just to be different, we presume.

What has become of all our American aviators? The foreign airmen are winning all the prizes and breaking all the necks.

One weather expert says the world is growing warmer, but he listens in vain for applause. Bring on the prophet who says the world is growing colder.

A man in California, saved from drowning, gave a dime to his rescuer. Hence, it is fair to conclude that no life of value to the world was saved to it.

A good many of our citizens are anxious to know whether the completion of the Panama canal will have any effect upon the price of Panama hats.

Surgery has restored his reason to an insane man. Surgery does many wonderful things, but it has not reached the point where it can restore his money to a bankrupt.

One of the professors has been developing new kinds of potato bugs in order to prove the theory of evolution. Why not prove the theory with something that might become useful?

A Boston woman started out to do a man's work—but it rained and her back hair came down.

Catching a big fish caused one man to die of excitement. Perhaps you are lucky in that the big fish you hook always get away.

Manager Chance has been hit on the head with pitched balls thirty-eight times, but that is not what makes him so great a manager.

Some authorities hold that aviators are trespassers except over navigable waters. But no one can catch them in the act.

A street car motorman has been arrested in New York for exceeding the speed limit. Of course, there did not happen to be a coal wagon in the track.

A new operatic importation can sing in various languages, but speaks only Japanese. The accomplishment is of doubtful value, for it is at all times difficult to tell what tongue the grand opera star warbles with.

One of the aviators has succeeded in sailing under the upper bridge at Niagara; but this is not likely to help any more than Blondin did when he walked on a rope across the gorge.

A Boston teacher, who is retiring after a service of 40 years, advises young teachers to be "a live wire," and to rest their minds by flirting a little. There is nothing aged or decrepit in this gingery advice, and it ought to remove the reproach of prunes and prisms from the Boston teacher's reputation forever.

The proposition to turn all children into infant phenomons is one which cannot be contemplated with any feeling short of absolute horror. When child prodigies have developed spontaneously, as it were, society at large has shuddered, but a deliberate recipe for the wholesale production of these infantile monsters of intelligence and learning is something at which the whole civilized world will rise in revolt.

How would you like to be the ice man?

## WHOLESALE PLOT TO KILL CHILDREN

JEFF. WOODS, LEE BOYD AND WIFE RELEASED ON BOND AT FULTON, MO.

### SAY THEY ARE INNOCENT

Arrests in Concord Where Children Were Imperiled Causes Sensation—Packages Mysteriously Placed on Premises.

Fulton, Mo.—Jeff. Woods, Lee Boyd and the latter's wife, Mrs. Anna Boyd, were arrested in Concord on the charge of attempted murder by poisoning. The arrests follow an investigation into what is believed to have been a wholesale attempt upon the lives of children in that community.

The accused were brought to Fulton, and, after a conference with Judge David H. Harris, bond for Mrs. Boyd was fixed at \$1,000 and for Boyd and Woods at \$2,000, all of which was furnished.

At the home of Edward McPheeters four packages of chewing gum have been found on the premises at different times, all of which, it later developed, contained poison. After the discovery of the second package the McPheeters family became suspicious and sent the gum to a chemist at Mexico, who pronounced the powder found on it strychnine.

Three Families Imperiled. The authorities say they have evidence to show that poisoned gum was placed on the premises of three other families who have small children. The gum was placed in a conspicuous place and so arranged that would attract the attention of the children.

Members of all of these families testified in the slander suit of Mrs. Boyd against Dr. W. B. Ellis of Concord, in which she asked for \$5,000 damages on the grounds that the physician had circulated slanderous reports about her. The case was tried at the June term of the Audrain county circuit court and resulted in a verdict for the defendant.

The news of the arrests has caused intense excitement at Concord, one of the oldest towns in the state and the home of the most prominent families of Callaway county.

Defendants Deny Charges. Edward McPheeters is a nephew of Judge Robert McPheeters, dean of the alumni of Westminster college, and Dr. Ellis, who figured in the slander suit, is a brother-in-law of Judge J. W. Tinscher of the Callaway county probate court.

The Boyds have no children, while Woods is a man of family. He is a horse dealer and has been actively engaged in that business at Fulton, stock sales during the past year. All three disclaim any knowledge of the affair and say that they can establish their innocence of implication in the plot at the trial.

Bill Aims at Near-Beer. Atlanta, Ga.—The most drastic piece of proposed liquor legislation in this state since the adoption of the present statewide law, will be voted on in the Georgia house. It is a bill prohibiting the sale of beverages containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol.

Favor Sugar Shippers. Washington, D. C.—A secret understanding as to rebates apparently exists between the railroad and sugar shippers, in the opinion of Harry E. Bellis, a tariff rate expert of Philadelphia, who appeared before the house sugar committee to explain the question of sugar freight rates.

Germans Dead of Heat. Berlin.—More than 1,000 deaths have occurred here from sunstroke during the 10 days of Germany's heat wave, as well as many more from heart failure during bathing, and some 500 from gastritis and typhus, caused by lack of water.

Actor Builds Flying Machine. Nevada, Mo.—Ben Hankinson, a retired variety performer, made a flight in his own aeroplane at the Nevada rifle range. Several prior attempts were failures, but this time he flew 550 yards and back, alighting once.

British Cruiser Stranded. Halifax, Nova Scotia.—The British cruiser Cornwall is stranded on the jagged off Cape Sable, a few miles from where the Canadian flagship Niobe went on the rocks July 29.

Charity Patient Has \$6,000. Rockford, Ill.—E. H. Waver, who died a charity patient in a sanitarium at Freeport, had \$6,000 in cash hidden in the lining of his ragged coat.

Guard Shoots Fleeing Convict. Leavenworth, Kan.—While trying to escape from the state prison at Lansing, William Joiner, a negro prisoner, 35 years old, was shot in the face by J. N. Ralston, a tower guard. He is now in the prison hospital.

To Oppose Peace Treaty. Washington, D. C.—Opposition in the senate to arbitration treaties recently signed by the United States and England and France probably will prevent their consideration at the present session of congress.

Cadets Inspected by Wilson. Culver, Ind.—Henry Lane Wilson, United States ambassador to Mexico, was the official guest of the Culver summer school. He reviewed the battalion, inspected the signal and cavalry drills and presented medals.

Grasshoppers Darken Sky. Webster City, Ia.—An enormous flight of grasshoppers, in which there were millions of the insects, passed eastward over Iowa, moving very rapidly. The swarm was an hour and a half passing over Webster City.

## NO FAULT WITH HIS HEARING



## PEACE PACTS TO SENATE

SOME OPPOSITION EXISTS TO THEIR RATIFICATION.

House Passes Cotton Tariff Bill and Accepts Senate's Reapportionment Amendment.

Washington, D. C.—Five minutes after the senate convened, President Taft sent the general arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and the United States and France to the capital. Each treaty was accompanied by a formal message of transmittal.

Pending executive session, the treaties remained on the vice-president's desk. The foreign relations committee will consider them. Chairman Cullen expressed hope that they might be ratified at this session of congress, but admitted some opposition had developed.

Cotton Tariff Bill Passes House. Washington, D. C.—Supported by all the Democrats and by 20 insurgent Republicans, the Democratic cotton tariff bill, the third of the big tariff revision measures brought forward by the Democratic house of representatives, passed that body by 202 to 91.

The bill cuts the average tariff on cotton manufactured goods from 48 to 27 per cent ad valorem, a 21 per cent reduction in duty.

Reapportionment Approved. Washington, D. C.—The house agreed to accept the senate amendment to the reapportionment bill, increasing the membership of the house to 433.

Plan New Trust Bills. Washington, D. C.—Hearings on proposed "trust" legislation beginning Nov. 15 were decided by the senate committee on interstate commerce. This action was taken after a hearing was given Senator Newlands on his bill providing for an interstate trade commission.

CADETS FOR WEST POINT

Many Vacancies in Class to Enter Military Academy Next June.

Washington, D. C.—The war department has begun a determined campaign to procure the highest number of cadets allowable under the law for the class entering the United States military academy next June. While the entrance examinations will not be held until April, senators and representatives are already being urged to scour their districts for the young men best qualified for the military service.

50 BURIED BY CAVE-IN

Two Men Taken Out Dead, Others Are Fatally Injured—Death List May Grow Larger.

East Liverpool, O.—In a sewer cave-in at the plant of the Pittsburgh-Crawable Steel company at Midland, Pa., seven men were taken out, 50 men were buried.

Foresters Change Rates. Cleveland, O.—Following the adoption of an amendment providing for a raise of approximately 50 per cent in the monthly dues of members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the international convention decided to abolish the additional charge made against persons engaged in hazardous occupations. These men will be carried at regular insurance rates.

Wife Shoots, Husband Dies Instantly. Mason City, Ia.—W. A. Rush, agent for the Rock Island railway at Sheffield, Ia., was shot and instantly killed by his wife, following a violent quarrel. Infidelity was alleged by the woman.

Germany Accepts Leishman. Berlin.—Germany has accepted John G. A. Leishman as ambassador from the United States at Berlin. Emperor William, immediately on receiving the proposal of Washington telegraphed his reply to the foreign office.

Woman Is Thirty Inches Tall. Columbia, S. C.—Caldwell parish enjoys the distinction of being the place of residence of perhaps the smallest woman in the world, Miss Jessie Franklin, daughter of Ben Franklin, a farmer.

Artist Abbey's Body Cremated. London.—The body of Edward A. Abbey, the celebrated American painter, was cremated and the ashes buried at Kingsbury Old Church. Ambassador Reid and a number of other Americans were present.

Almost Freezing in Denver. Denver, Colo.—A thirty-nine-year cold weather record for August was broken when the government weather bureau thermometer registered a minimum of 48 degrees, or 16 degrees above freezing.

## HOUSE ROLL IS FIXED BY SENATE

CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT MEASURE PASSED WITHOUT DIVISION.

### NUMBER TO STAND AT 433

Legislators Oppose Two Attempts to Reduce Size of Next House—New York to Gain Six New Members in 1913.

Washington, D. C.—The senate without a division passed the congressional reapportionment bill, fixing the membership of the house beginning with the next congress at 433, and defining the allotments in the several states. Two attempts made to reduce the membership as fixed in the house bill failed.

The measure was amended in one important particular. The proposition advanced by Senator Burton that in those states which gain additional members under the new apportionment, the members representing the increase shall be elected at large instead of by district, until such states shall be restricted, was carried.

The congressional reapportionment bill was taken up in the senate under the unanimous agreement for final vote.

In increase of members New York heads the list with an increase of six, Pennsylvania, four; California and Oklahoma, three each; Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas and Washington, two each; and Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah and West Virginia, one each.

The measure will take effect on and after March 3, 1913. With the admission of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood with one representative each, the membership under the present bill would advance to 435.

WHITE ACTED IN CHARITY

Tells Lorimer Committee He Made Confession and Depended on Judgment of Public.

Washington, D. C.—"Faith, Hope and Charity" were featured by Charles A. White, confessed bribe-taker, in his cross examination before the Lorimer investigating committee. White declared that of the three biblical virtues he had resorted to "charity" in laying before the world the sordid details of the Lorimer bribery scandal and that he depended on the "charity" of the public in their judgment of him. This was brought out by Judge Haney, counsel for Lorimer, who began a line of questioning to find out something about White's early life.

MINERS ADOPT RECALL

Initiative and Referendum Electors to Supply Election on Floor of Western Convention.

Butte, Mont.—The Western Federation of Miners adopted an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of a president, a vice president, secretary-treasurer and four members of the executive board by the initiative and referendum instead of on the floor of the convention, as heretofore. The amendment provides the election shall be by plurality. President Meyer voted for it.

The convention also adopted an amendment providing for the recall of officers on a demand of not less than ten locals, in which at least 10 per cent of the workers vote.

Heavy Rain in Missouri. Kansas City, Mo.—The heaviest general rain this section has had since April fell here. The precipitation in this city was an inch and a half. From one to two and a half inches fell over western Missouri, western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, much of Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas.

Western Rate Increase Deferred. Washington, D. C.—An order of the interstate commerce commission defers proposed increase of freight rates on the western trunk lines until Nov. 29.

Coal Combine in Court. Cincinnati, Ohio.—That a suit in equity, directed against an alleged bituminous coal combine and various railroads will be filed in the United States circuit court at Columbus was learned here.

Dead Fish Dam Up Creek. East St. Louis.—Thousands of dead fish dammed Cahokia creek by logs jammed in debris near the National Stock Yards. Fifty stock yards employees, directed by J. H. Hohl, cleared the debris.

Guard Shoots Fleeing Convict. Leavenworth, Kan.—While trying to escape from the state prison at Lansing, William Joiner, a negro prisoner, 35 years old, was shot in the face by J. N. Ralston, a tower guard. He will recover.

Publicity Confers Meet. Washington, D. C.—The conferees of the two houses of congress on the campaign publicity bill held their first meeting, but made no progress beyond a general canvass of the differences between the two bodies.

Detective Asks New Trial. Pittsburgh, Pa.—Attorneys for Gilbert B. Perkins, the Pittsburgh private detective convicted in Erie for using the mails to defraud, filed application in the federal district court for a new trial.

## MISSOURI NEWS

### School Fund to Be Paid.

Jefferson City, Mo.—William P. Evans, superintendent of public schools, said today that his action in withholding the school monies from St. Joseph, Louisiana, Neosho and Moberly and the consequent mandamus by Buchanan county to compel him to apportion St. Joseph's share, can not tie up or affect in any way the distribution of the money to the other counties of the state and to St. Louis.

### Auto Chase Lands Burglar.

Kansas City.—When John Walster, alias Hermann Froelich, 31 years old, an ex-convict, broke into the home of L. H. Fox he did not make note of an automobile in the garage back of the home. Mr. Fox, aided by a negro chauffeur, chased the burglar in the machine, caught him and recovered \$2,400 worth of diamonds and jewelry that Walster had taken from the Fox residence.

### Jefferson City Makes Pledges.

St. Louis.—Jefferson City is going to live up to the \$3,500,000 capital, said Cecil W. Thomas, mayor of Jefferson City. "We have been handicapped in the past," he said, "by a removal of taxes, but now that that handicap has been removed, we will progress. We now have three and a half miles of paved streets under construction. I want to thank the people of St. Louis and the rest of Missouri for their support in carrying the bond issue."

### Anniversary Is Observed.

Troy, Mo.—The third day's session of the central Missouri annual conference of the Missouri district was given over to observance of the anniversary of the founding of the Freeman's Aid and Southern Educational society. The speakers were Rev. R. H. Smith, P. D. Avant and Dr. J. C. Sherrill. The district conference of the Epworth League and Sunday school conventions were consolidated. Fulton, Mo., was selected as the place of holding the next session of the conference which meets August, 1912. Rev. W. W. Smith of Fulton will preach the closing sermon Saturday evening.

### Merchants to Observe New Law.

Springfield.—At a meeting of mercantile store proprietors, who declined to observe the 9-hour working law for women, following the decision of the state supreme court that the law was not applicable to mercantile establishments, decided to observe the law by making changes in shifts of employees instead of closing Saturday nights. Club women circulated petitions and threatened to prosecute the merchants. Several hundred women are affected.

### Girls Fined for Bathing.

Kansas City.—Earl Dawson, deputy constable of Harlan, across the river from Kansas City, in Clay county, arrested Grace Landon, aged 19, and Nellie Noise, aged 16, for bathing in the Missouri river in Annette Kellerman bathing suits. He went down to the water's edge and commanded the girls to come out. Spectators declare the bathing suits were just plain union suits. "Shrink up at that," the girls were fined in police court.

### Hillman Is Appointed.

Fulton.—The board of managers of the Missouri School for Deaf named Simeon T. Walker of Portland, Ore., superintendent of the school, to succeed Dr. Noble B. McKee, who died June 29, after serving as head of the institution for 15 years. Dr. McKee and Mr. Walker were personal friends. The latter arrived here from Portland and following the announcement of his appointment took immediate charge.

### Woman's Burns Fatal.

Clayton, Mo.—Mrs. D. A. Bragdon of Clayton, who was burned severely several weeks ago in attempting to extinguish a fire which had been started in a field near her home, died at her home, Hanley road and Belmar avenue.

### Bond Issue Vote Is 123,662.

Jefferson City, Mo.—With complete returns from Laclede, Clinton, Shannon, Jefferson and Livingston counties and fourteen out of eighteen precincts of St. Charles county, the capital bond issue vote stands \$2,852 for and 30,442 against. There still are fourteen counties to hear from.

### Capitol Awaits Cowgill.

Jefferson City, Mo.—When State Treasurer Cowgill is able to return to Jefferson City from Rochester, Minn., where he has been under medical treatment, the board of permanent seat of government will meet to select the bipartisan commission of four who will supervise the building of the new state capitol. Treasurer Cowgill is expected home before Sept. 1.

### Fireman Hurt in Collision.

Sedalia, Mo.—William Davis, fireman, was painfully injured in a head-on collision between two Missouri Pacific freight trains at Ottumwa, 18 miles east of here, by mistake in or ders.

### 7,000 Attend Fulton Fair.

Fulton, Mo.—Seven thousand people, the biggest crowd in the history of the association, were in attendance at the Callaway county fair at New Bloomfield. Prominent Missouri horsemen were present.

### Moberly Wants School Fund.

Moberly.—Moberly educators are preparing to carry the question of the state apportionment of school money to the supreme court. Moberly's share of the fund was held out by State Superintendent Evans.

### Golden Wedding at Milan, Mo.

Milan.—Judge and Mrs. Samuel Griggs celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here. They were married at Kirksville, Mo., by Rev. J. M. Kenter, who is living. Five children were born.

## NOTHING BUT AN AMATEUR

Fair Damsel's Questions That Revealed Callow Lover in His True Light.

"Do you really and truly think I am beautiful?" she asked.

"You are simply divine," he replied. "But there are other girls whom you think more beautiful than I."

"No, I don't think there is a more beautiful girl in the world than you."

"There are other girls you think are just as beautiful, though?"

"You are more beautiful than any other girl I ever saw."

"I suppose there are plenty of girls whom you consider almost as beautiful as I am."

"I think you are far more beautiful than any other girl that ever breathed."

"Well, why didn't you say that in the first place?"

"That was what I meant, if I didn't exactly say so."

"O, well, go on. My goodness! Must I suggest everything nice that you say to me?"

"What more can I say?"

"Heavens! I'm not going to sit here giving you lessons. I thought the way you started out that you had made love before."

Sufficient Evidence. Having concluded for the honesty of the woman who wished a situation as scrub-woman, the good-natured examination by the superintendent of the building.

"There are degrees of honesty," said the superintendent. "How honest is she?"

The good-natured man reflected.

"Well," said he, "if I tell you, she is so honest that if you throw anything that looks to be worth a copper into the waste basket you have to tag it 'Destroy this,' or she will fish it out and put it back on your desk night after night, no matter how badly you want to get rid of it. I don't know that I can say anything more."

"No more is necessary," said the superintendent, and he proceeded to hire the woman.

Baffling the Mosquito. Last summer we were pestered with the awful nuisance, mosquitoes, night after night, and on one occasion killed between thirty and forty in our bedroom, at midnight. The following day I took a woolen cloth, put a little kerosene oil on it, and rubbed both sides of the wire mesh of the screens with it. That night one lonely mosquito disturbed our rest. Two or three times each week I rubbed the screens in like manner, and we enjoyed peace the rest of the summer. The odor from the oil remains only a few minutes, and the oil itself preserves the screens and keeps away flies.—Good Housekeeping Magazine.

Dying by Organs. It has been discovered that if a human being dies after an ordinary illness and not a violent death he does not die all over and all at once. He may have a diseased liver, heart or lung, and this may be the cause of his death; but it has been found that if the diseased organ could have been replaced by a healthy one life might have been maintained indefinitely. This is no imagination or speculation. It has been confirmed by the most careful experiments by the ablest medical scientists in the country.—Leah's Weekly.

### Went Up Twenty Points.

During the recent hot spell a broker was complaining to a friend of the dull trading. "Business," he said, "What can one do in the way of business with the mercury standing at 100?"

"Do!" replied his friend. "Great Scott, man; it's the chance of a lifetime to sell mercury."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Truthfully Said. "My friend, you should join the church. As the prophet says, 'Come thou with us and we will do thee good.'"

"You have already, parson. I was at your church fair last night."—Smart Set Magazine.

Consolation. "My wife is always praising the men she rejected for me."

"Bocker—Never mind; she will praise you to her second husband."

Wanted to Know. Ella—She has a rosebud mouth. Stella—Does that explain her making so many flowery speeches?

STRONGER THAN MEAT A Judge's Opinion of Grape-Nuts.

A gentleman who has acquired a judicial turn of mind from experience on the bench out in the Sunflower State writes a carefully considered opinion as to the value of Grape-Nuts as food. He says:

"For the past 5 years Grape-Nuts has been a prominent feature in our bill of fare.

"The crisp food with the delicious, nutty flavor has become an indispensable necessity in my family's everyday life.

"It has proved to be most healthful and beneficial, and has enabled us to practically abolish pastry and pies from our table, for the children prefer Grape-Nuts, and do not crave rich and unwholesome food.

"Grape-Nuts keeps us all in perfect physical condition—as a preventive of disease it is beyond value. I have been particularly impressed by the beneficial effects of Grape-Nuts when used by ladies who are troubled with face blemishes, skin eruptions, etc. It clears up the complexion wonderfully.

"As to its nutritive qualities, my experience is that one small dish of Grape-Nuts is superior to a pound of meat for breakfast, which is an important consideration for anyone. It satisfies the appetite and strengthens the power of resisting fatigue, while its use involves none of the disagreeable consequences that sometimes follow a meat breakfast." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.